Proposition 1 will bring Californians a safe, convenient, affordable and reliable alternative to soaring gasoline prices, freeway congestion, rising airfares, plummeting airline service and fewer flights available.

It will reduce California's dependence on foreign oil and reduce greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

Proposition 1 is a \$9.95 billion bond measure for an 800-mile High-Speed Train network that will relieve 70 million passenger trips a year that now clog California's highways and airports – WITHOUT RAISING TAXES.

California will be the first state in the country to benefit from environmentally preferred High-Speed Trains common today in Europe and Asia. Proposition 1 will bring California:

- Electric-powered High-Speed Trains running up to 220 miles an hour on modern track safely separated from other traffic generally along existing rail corridors
- Routes linking downtown stations in SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES, FRESNO, SAN JOSE, SAN FRANCISCO and SACRAMENTO, with stops in communities in between
- High-Speed Train service to major cities in ORANGE COUNTY, the INLAND EMPIRE, the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY and the SOUTH BAY
- Nearly a billion dollars to beef up commuter rail systems that connect to High-Speed Trains

Proposition 1 will save time and money. Travel from Los Angeles to San Francisco in about 2-1/2 hours for about \$50 a person. With gasoline prices today, a driver of a 20-miles-per-gallon car would spend about \$87 and six hours on such a trip.

Ten years of study and planning have gone into PREPARING FOR construction, financing and operation of a California bullet train network modeled on popular, reliable and successful systems in Europe and Asia. Their record shows that High-Speed Trains deliver, both in service and economy.

Air travelers spend more time on the ground than in the air today. Proposition 1 will create a new transportation choice that improves conditions at our major airports. There's no room for more runways. High-Speed Trains can relieve that demand.

Electric-powered High-Speed Trains will remove over 12 billion pounds of CO2 & greenhouse gases, equal to the pollution of nearly 1 million cars. And High-Speed Trains require one-third the energy of air travel and one-fifth the energy of auto travel.

Proposition 1 will protect taxpayer interests.

- Two independent ridership and revenue forecasts by outside experts were subject to tough peer review.
- Existing High-Speed Train system operators are directly involved in oversight of the design of California's system.
- The new system will be subject to legal and financial oversight by the Governor, the Legislature, the Attorney General and an independent outside expert.
- Proposition 1 bond funds will provide a match for AT LEAST ANOTHER 9 billion dollars in federal funding and private investment.

Vote Yes on Proposition 1 to IMPROVE MOBILITY and inject new vitality into California's economy by creating nearly 160,000 construction-related jobs and 450,000 permanent jobs in related industries like tourism. These are American jobs that cannot be outsourced.

Vote Yes on Proposition 1. www.californiahighspeedtrains.com

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